

Coordinator report January 16, 2020

This one-hour regular meeting will be joined by our two education committees and as well, I posted a Finance Committee meeting in case a quorum obtains for school related budget questions. Board have to act on approval of minutes of two most recent previous meetings.

Todd recommends that Selectboard appoint the current Highway Advisory Committee members who are Kevin Alden, Robert Croak, and David Lambert to the Highway Commission. This establishes Highway Commission as the Highway Department's immediate supervisor. We should talk about how that will be implemented and staying in our new roles. Mine should be defined. There are highway items not addressed at this meeting agenda because of time constraints and this change of management. Listed in the end of the report there are concerns and matters that are highway related but will become removed from our plate. Seems to me there are some things to assure are understood in our employment relationships.

In a transfer station matter the board needs to decide / vote on behalf of the Town Springfield MRF contract. Decision deadline is here. Will Selectboard choose to opt into the aggregated regional recycling contract as our best available option? I judge it less risky than the alternative. I'll look for another compactor so our cans and containers may be crushed and lower hauling costs.

In terms of reports the Resiliency Planning grant and Hazard Mitigation plan version 2 update, with Northfield as lead town and FRCOG as consultant, has been submitted. We are working with one of the previous accountants on certifying free cash and schedule A. I do not have a recommendation for accounting beyond AP processing yet, but this continued year end closeout is giving me more understanding of our needs.

At 6:45 or 7 pm Selectboard will be joined by the Local Elementary Advisory Committee, Warwick Education Committee and Finance for a joint meeting where the first item of business is to solicit and hear public comment on Warwick's elementary education options, resident and stakeholders' preferences, and including matters of process. This will likely be extensive and not limited public comment as this is a major purpose of this meeting.

Agenda includes discussion of town's exploration with PVRSD Regional School of Warwick providing supplemental funding to equalize per pupil costs versus closing our local elementary. At the 1/14 meeting with Jon he indicated he sees no way to keep Warwick open.

At this writing we do not know the outcome of this reconsideration of closing SC. The agenda item related to Warwick Community School and Town's options and response is on the table in broad terms. Tuesday is the earliest we can meet as Monday is MLK day.

At some point when my marching orders as Town Coordinator become inconsistent with the voted desires of the School Committee I will need to resign from School Committee.

We can discuss and update our plans to meet with other town's political and school leadership about formation of a Supervisory Union as a goal and in my view we should investigate this no matter which direction the recommendation on WCS goes.

I did not include and have postponed to next meeting February 3 the following:

Consideration of, grant of any MGL 268 section 20 exemptions; and reading of any disclosures, unanticipated at time of posting.

Report on Highway

Garage roof

Highway department / office management versus road and garage work

Highway worker's resignation / departure and our progress on hiring new employee.

WPD requested an appointment of a new officer and will offer year to date report; also dog officer replacement and animal control agricultural nomination.